Attempt at 15 Questions for Ivan Brunetti

We wanted to ask Ivan Brunetti 15 blind questions, which is, as you may have noticed, the thing we like to do, for now.
Unfortunately for us, Ivan is a very busy man, and he tells us that he has adopted a rule of limiting all interviews to 5 questions, as he says, "…in order not to go crazy". Normally, this would send us into a psychotic rage, but he was very polite about it, so we've managed to hold it together.
This did lead to the difficult task of choosing the 5 questions to ask, out of the 15 which we had written…

1. What did you expect us to actually ask you in this interview?

I'm usually asked about my influences (there are too many to list, and they're changing all the time), or if I'm as depraved or "twisted" as my comics suggest (I'm not), or why I drew some specific thing (I have no idea, as I only draw what compels me at any given time in my life), and some annoyingly "edgy" questions, like if I've ever done any drunk dialing (thanks for not asking such a question).

2. Have you ever done some drunk dialling? Who did you call? What did you say?

Oh, well, uh, no. I've never done any drunk dialing. I've done some drunk falling, but no dialing.

3. If you could put together your dream concert, any band from any era, who would you put on the bill? What audience are you aiming the gig at? You still have to make ends meet right?

I'd have Franz Schubert opening up for Beethoven. I never think about audiences (other than myself), so I try to go with my gut instincts. I think people would enjoy this double bill. I'd probably try to go with more intimate chamber works for the most part (that will keep costs down).

4. You have a chance to ride a family member through the sky and to their death; you manage to escape with major injuries, but are alive. Who do you choose and why?[↓]

I've been enjoying Schubert's piano trio in E flat, and the string quartets... I'm sorry what was your question? Riding a family member through the sky? I have no idea what you're talking about. I have no desire to hurt other people, just myself, sometimes.

5. Is every sperm sacred? Why? If not, why not?

Nothing is sacred.

[↓] We have no idea either. The contributor that wrote these questions drinks a lot, and probably spends too much time with their family. Isn't insight wonderful? We like Scriabin, if that tells you anything.

We would really love to ask Ivan more questions… even though our questions can seem pointless at times (alright, maybe all the time… but it's about the answers right? Please?).

We did ask Ivan how long before we could ask him another 5 questions. However, he was very politely firm about his rule, and it seems that this is it. We suppose hat our only chance is to start a new zine, or lie. We wouldn't lie though. We like to confuse and similar, but lying just isn't sordid, it's just wrong.

All that said, we imagine that most of you still have no idea who Ivan Brunetti is. What a shame.

Ivan is a very gifted American cartoonist/comic artist. You can find a fair number of his works online and he has a wonderful "jpeg collection" home page (www.ivanbrunetti.com) filled with old pictures of cats, models, cartoons, and a curious collection of images of Drew Barrymore. We suggest you explore it.

More than that, we suggest that you search out Ivan's published works, such as his *Schizo* comic, published by Fantagraphics Books. We think it is available as a collected book, probably from the same publisher. Then there are Ivan's two 'gag' comic books, *Haw! Horrible, Horrible Cartoons*, and *Hee! Yet More Horrible Cartoons*. Below is a piece from Haw!

"Yeah, yeah, yeah... Skip the mumbo-jumbo, son... Just show us how to get pornography on this fuckin' thing."

We suggest that anything by Ivan Brunetti is the perfect thing to read on a plane, public transport, in fact, anywhere nosey people are reading over you shoulder. Enjoy! And a big thanks to Mr Brunetti for his time.